Ephemeral Jefferson Co.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

"THE CROSSROADS OF FLORIDA"

Monticello, laid out in 1828, is situated northeast of the county's center. Descendants of Thomas Jefferson settled in this county and town which were named for Thomas Jefferson and his home, "Monticello." The first school was established in Monticello in 1832. The present building was erected on the same lot in 1852, it being the first brick school building to be erected and the oldest brick structure now in continuous use in the State of Florida.

The colonial-style courthouse was built in 1909, replacing the original frame structure of 1841. In 1827 the first courthouse put on this spot was made of logs.

Monticello is the county seat of Jefferson County. Its ideal central location is 26 miles east of Tallahassee, Florida's Capital City. Mahan Drive between Monticello and Tallahassee is one of the most beautiful scenic drives in Florida.

Many ante-bellum homes may be seen by riding down Washington and Jefferson Streets (U.S. Highways 90 and 19).

U.S. 98 traverses the southern part of the county and U.S. 27 is four-laned over its entire route through the central part of the county. U.S. 19 is four-laned from the Georgia line through Monticello to Chiefland, 130 miles.

Home owners of Monticello have some of the most beautiful flower gardens to be seen with Mahan Park the scene of hundreds of varieties of azaleas and camellias in season.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE:

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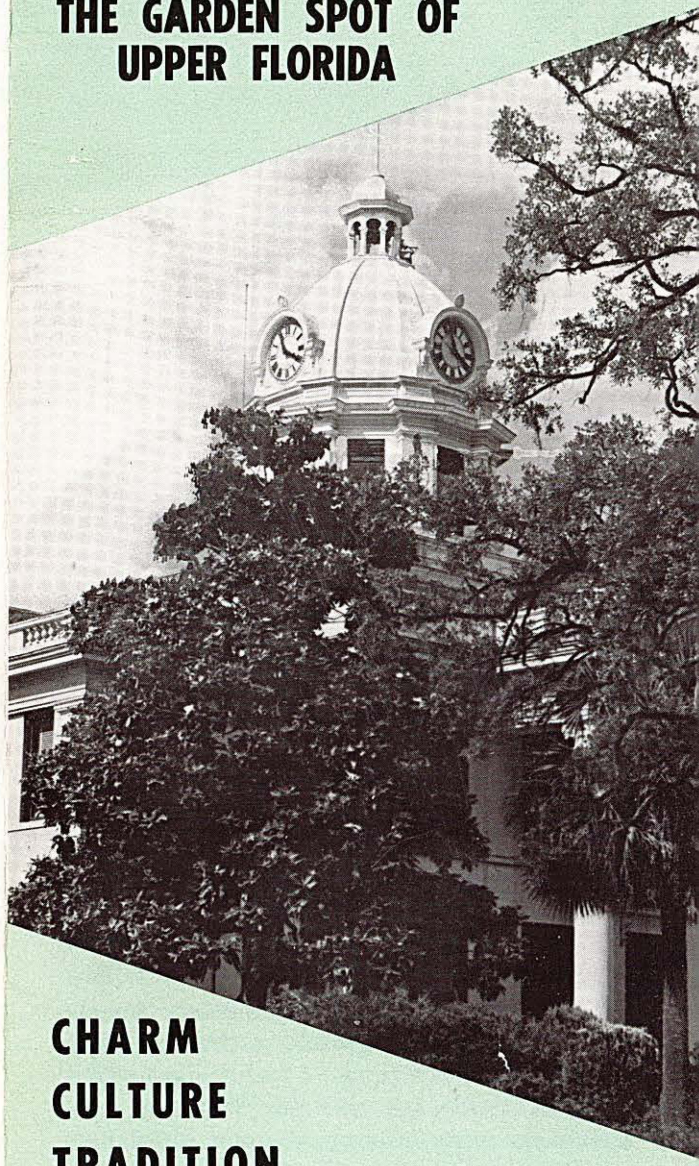
THE GARDEN SPOT OF UPPER FLORIDA



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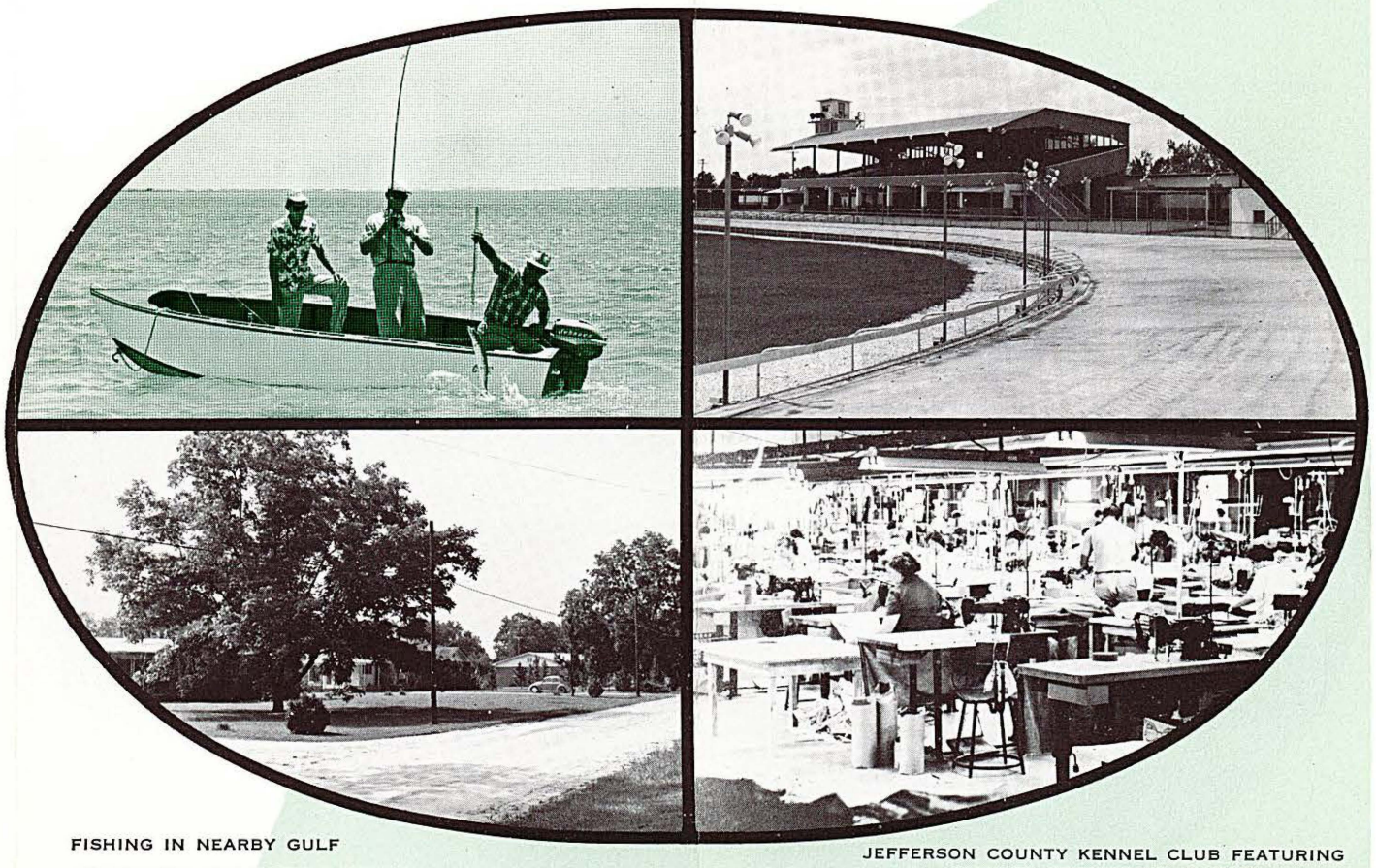
MONTICELLO *Progressively Yours*

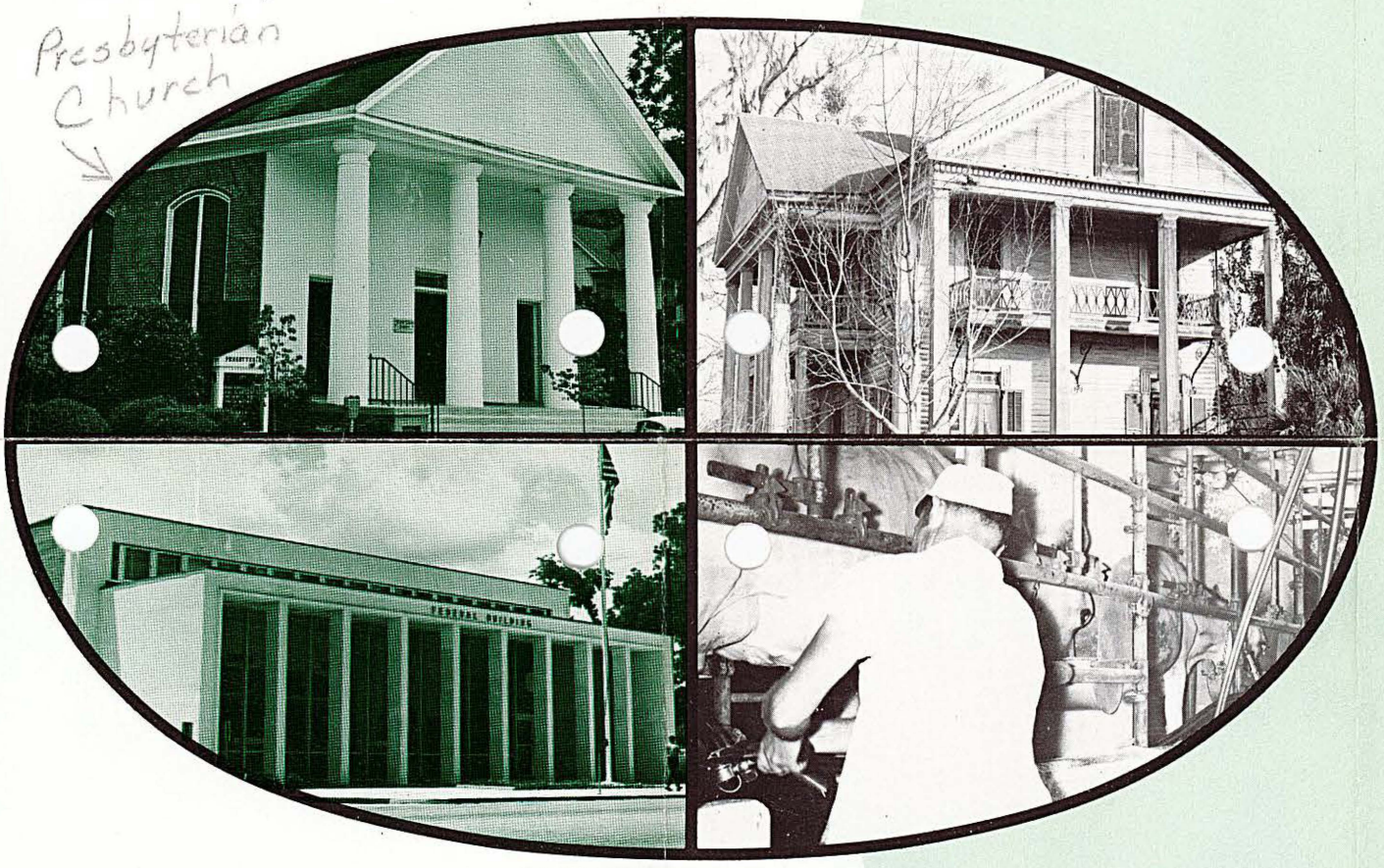
TOURIST ATTRACTIONS: Bellamy Plantation, the home of Jack Bellamy who built that part of the Spanish Trail from St. Augustine to the Ochlockonee River, lies a few miles north of Monticello. Lyndhurst, named for a town in England, built in 1850 by William J. Bellamy, nephew of General William Bailey, is near Ashville. Casa Biana, first owned by Colonel Joseph M. White, who built the original house and married Ellen Adair, known abroad as "Florida White," is three miles west of Monticello, Prince Murat's plantation called "Lipona," reversing the syllables of his native city in France, "Napoli," is four miles from Waukeenah. Prince Murat was the eldest son of Caroline, Napoleon's youngest sister. El Destino, seven miles from Lloyd, was a grant of land made to William Nuttall on January 3, 1828. Gadsden Plantation, eleven miles from Waukeenah, was the home of General Gadsden and his nephew, Octavius Gadsden. General Gadsden came to Florida as an aide to General Andrew Jackson. Sunrise Plantation, three miles south of Monticello, was built by Dr. James Theodore Turnbull. It is said that he was the first physician to use quinine to kill malaria germs. A Watermelon Festival is held each summer, normally the last of June; sponsored by the Amercian Legion. A Pecan Bowl Football game and festivities each December are paying the construction costs of a Youth Center, some units of which have already been built.



FISHING IN NEARBY GULF
ATTRACTIVE MONTICELLO HOMES

JEFFERSON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB FEATURING SUMMER GREYHOUND RACING
INTERIOR VIEW OF LOCAL FACTORY

Presbyterian Church



ONE OF MONTICELLO'S CHURCHES
FEDERAL BUILDING

ANTE-BELLUM HOME
MILKING TIME AT DAIRY FARM

BANKING FACILITIES: Farmers and Merchants Bank, general; total resources, $5,256,-648.33.

SCHOOLS: Complete accredited schools for both White and Colored with public kindergarten are provided. Monticello is located only 27 miles from Florida State University and 30 miles from the North Florida Junior College in Madison. A free bus operates to North Florida Junior College daily.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS: Kiwanis, Woman's Club, Garden Club, Lions Club, Parent-Teacher Association, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Country Club, Civil Air Patrol, Historical Association.

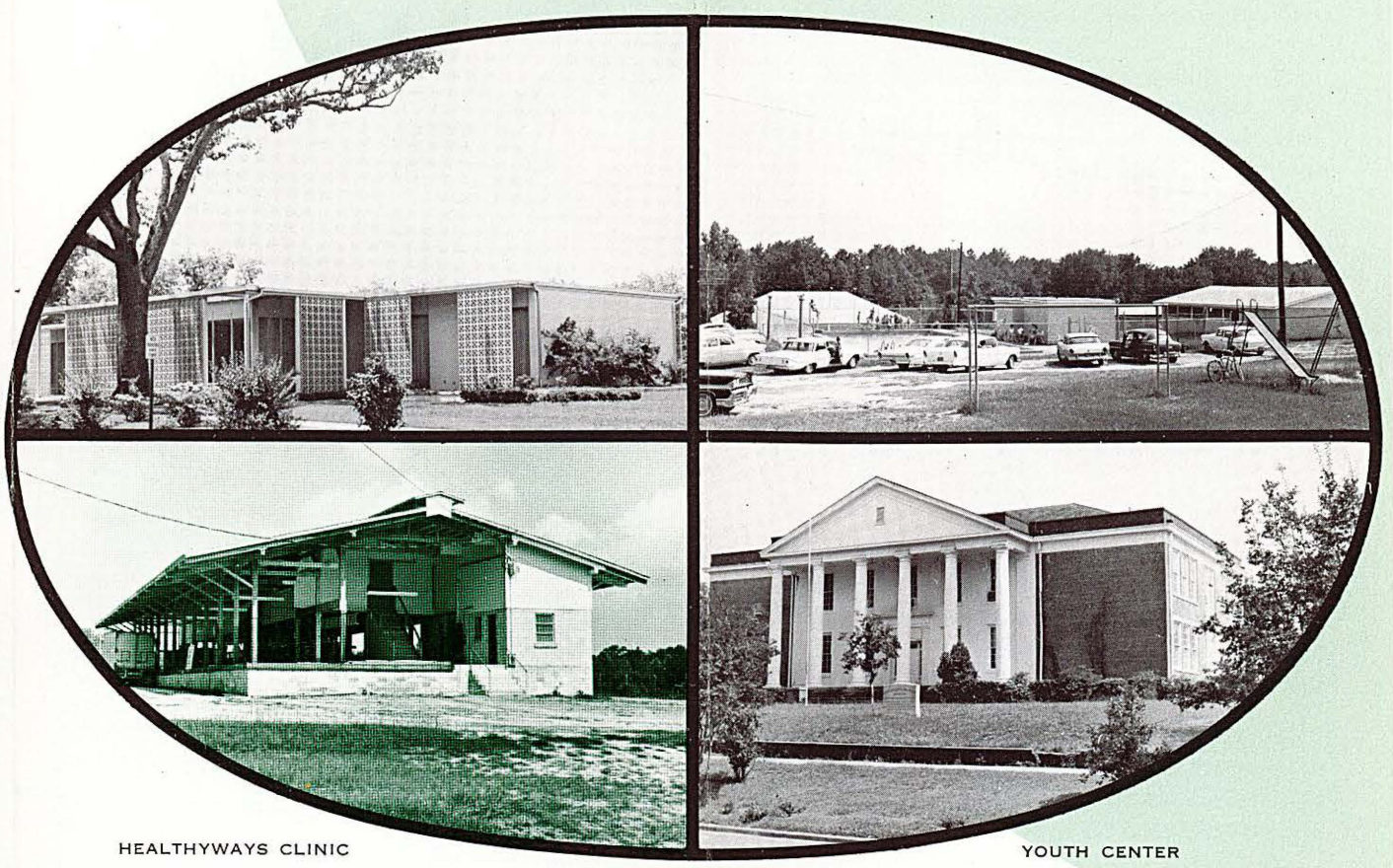
TRANSPORTATION: Jefferson County is the crossroads of Florida as United States Highways 19 and 90 cross in Monticello, and the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard serve Monticello and Jefferson County. Greyhound Bus Lines operate a number of buses daily. An airplane landing strip is located 2 miles south of the business district, with commercial airline facilities 30 miles away at Tallahassee. The new inter-state highway will be located only three miles south of Monticello.

INDUSTRY: A veneer and plywood mill and several portable mills operate in this area. Tungston and Jumpie Run Plantation not only grow tung nuts, but have processing plants for producing tung oil and tung products. Other manufacturing plants are Monticello Milling Company, Gypsy Campers, Whirl-Tite Corp., Artistic Apron House, Jefferson Packers, Monticello Provision Company. The Monticello Lives Market grosses $1,500,000 annually at the present time. There are many farms growing diversified crops. Cattle ranching is a major industry in the county. Monticello is the home of the Simpson and Monticello Nurseries, the largest of several operating in this vicinity. Florida Power Corporation, Northern Division Headquarters is located in Monticello where it also maintains a transformer overhaul plant.

MEDICAL SERVICE: 4 Physicians, 2 Dentists, 2 Veterinarians, Complete County Health Department at Healthyways Clinic.

LEGAL: 5 Practicing Attorneys.

CHURCHES: Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Baptist, Catholic, Church of God, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Calvary Baptist.



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JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

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FLORIDA WELCOME STATION ON U. S. 19

DESCRIPTION: Jefferson County was formed from Leon County in 1827. Its present boundaries are the State of Georgia on the north; the Gulf of Mexico on the south; Leon County on the west; Madison County and Taylor County on the east, covering a total of 389,760 acres of fertile soil and timberland.

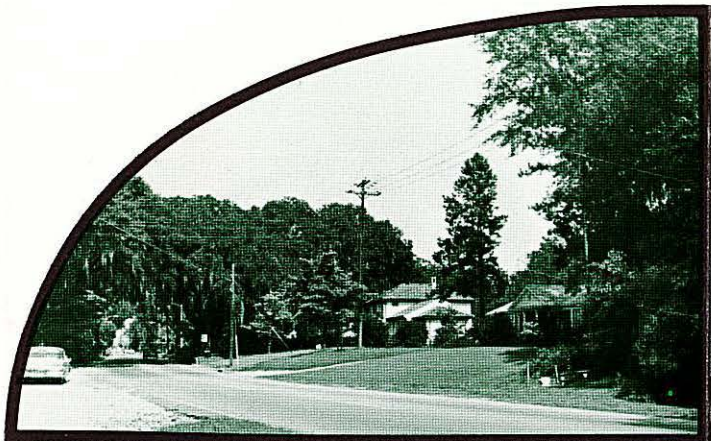
CLIMATE: Jefferson County has a long growing season of 270 days. The usual date of the last killing frost in the spring is February 28; the usual killing date of the first frost in the fall is November 25. The average annual temperature is 67.7, and the average annual rainfall is 56.74.

ELEVATION: One of the highest points in Florida, 235 feet at the courthouse in Monticello.

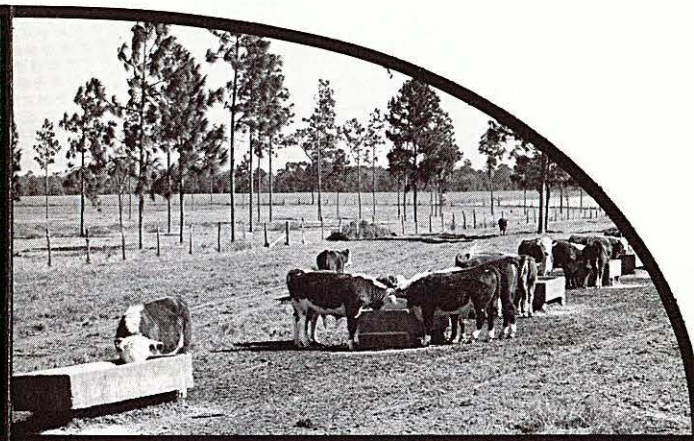
AGRICULTURE: Jefferson County grows 3,000 acres of watermelons and markets 80% of the watermelon seeds of the United States. Jefferson County also grows 1,500 acres of truck crops, 1,200 acres of peanuts; 3,000 acres of pecans; 1,000 acres of sweet potatoes; 15,000 acres of small grains; 40,000 acres of corn; 480 acres of tobacco, 1,500 acres of cotton; and 12,000 acres of tung nuts; 500 acres nursery stock. Site of Big Bend Horticultural Laboratory.

TIMBER: Long-leaf pine, slash pine, gum, magnolia, and bay are available within a 5 to 20 mile radius of Monticello.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES: Parks, Athletic fields, Theaters, Swimming pool, and Tennis courts, Jefferson County Kennel Club. Good hunting-fishing. Forty miles from Gulf of Mexico with its fine fishing and recreation. Jefferson Country Club, with 9-hole golf course, modern club house and pool, now under construction (1964).



U. S. 90 APPROACHING MONTICELLO



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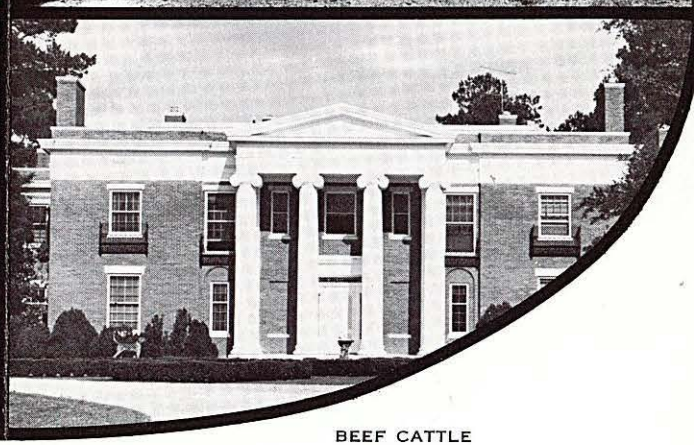

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